

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 and 48-61 are pending. The claims listed above incorporate the amendments made by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated February 1, 2006. Applicant has further amended claims 35, 53, and 61 to correct some minor errors and awkward wording resulting from the Examiner's amendment and to add the word "of" to the preambles of claims 35 and 53.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Applicant believes no additional fee is due with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 249768002US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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